

PROGRAM

TOY Workshop: Playwriting

ORGANIZATION NAME

Theatre of Youth



AVAILABLE FORMATS

- Performance
- Single Workshop
- Multi-Session
Residency Workshop
- Field Trip

GRADE LEVELS

- Pre-K
- K – 2nd
- 3rd – 5th
- 6th – 8th
- 9th – 12th

MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

In-Person: 30 (School must provide assistants to help match a 1:10 teacher student ratio)

PROGRAM LENGTH

75 minutes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Designed for young creatives, this workshop will guide participants through the basics of crafting compelling stories for the stage. Led by experienced teaching artists, students will learn to develop characters, structure plots, write engaging dialogue, and bring their unique ideas to life. Through interactive activities and collaborative exercises, they'll gain confidence in their writing abilities. Whether they dream of becoming the next great playwright or just love storytelling, this workshop offers a fun and supportive environment to explore their creativity, while catering to ELA standards.

CURRICULUM STANDARDS

This program supports these NYS or Next Generation Learning Standards:

Curriculum Learning Standards:

- Anchor Standard 1 | Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work
- Anchor Standard 2 | Organize and develop artistic ideas and work
- TH:Cr1.1.3 - Create roles, imagined worlds, and improvised stories
- TH:Cr2.1.4 - Collaborate to devise original ideas by asking questions about characters and plots
- TH:Cr2.1.6 - Use critical analysis to improve, refine, and evolve original ideas and artistic choices
- TH:Cr2.1.HSII - Refine a dramatic concept to demonstrate a critical understanding of historical and cultural influences applied to a drama or theater work

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Through the understanding of important acting and writing fundamentals, students will learn how to make specific choices on the page and on their feet
2. Develop characters, structure plots, and bring their unique ideas to life

VOCABULARY

Collaboration | noun | the action of working with someone to produce or create something

Play | a form of drama that primarily consists of dialogue between characters and is intended for theatrical performance rather than reading

Playwright | a person who writes plays

Acting | an activity in which a story is told by means of its enactment by an actor who adopts a character

Storytelling | the activity of writing or telling stories

Plot | the sequence of events in which each event affects the next one through the principle of cause-and-effect

Create | noun | bring something into existence

Art | noun | the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination

Artist | noun | a person engaged in an activity related to creating art, practicing the arts, or demonstrating an art, often referring to visual arts

POST-PROGRAM ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES

1. Any arts and crafts created by your student will be available to take home after the workshop!
2. Students may receive a TOY flyer encouraging them to attend a performance or upcoming workshop if they enjoyed the activities
3. Notes taken during the workshop may be applied to future programs and for further exploration at home!



ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Theatre of Youth (TOY) is WNY's only Professional Theatre dedicated to young audiences and their families. While our plays are certainly entertaining, we pride ourselves on performing shows that have underlying themes and messages that are important for all children. Whether it be highlighting the impact of bullying; demonstrating empathy, awareness, acceptance, diversity, and self-identity; Theatre of Youth provides a safe, responsible, alternative space to explore and practice the fundamental tools of Common Core both on and off stage.



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